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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Gordon J. Stock

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 4-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3 and 6-9 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 February 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 20040219.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on February 19, 2004 is being considered by the examiner.

Drawings and Specification

3. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because '(FIG. 5)' of line 10 should be removed and the abstract should be one paragraph. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).
4. The specification is objected to for the following: on page 9 line 21 'Pinhole mirror 25' should read -Pinhole mirror 35-. Correction is required.
5. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description: 25 on line 6 of page 9 for Fig. 3. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will

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be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

6. The drawings are objected to because in Fig. 1a '7' is not referring to any particular component. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Objections

7. **Claim 6** is objected to for the following: 'the second socket' lacks antecedent basis. Correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

8. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

9. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

10. **Claims 1, 2, and 5** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **McMurtry et al. (2002/0122178)**.

As for **claim 1**, McMurtry in an aligning optical components of an optical measuring system discloses the following: a lamp housing having at least one illumination source (Fig. 1: 20, 24); an installation element connecting the lamp housing detachably to the optical measurement arrangement (Fig. 1: 16). As for the phrases, “for delivering at least one measurement light beam into the illumination beam path of the optical measurement arrangement” and “so that the ... with the at least one illumination beam path of the optical measurement arrangement” it has been held that a recitation with respect to the manner in which a claimed apparatus is intended to be employed does not differentiate the claimed apparatus from a prior art apparatus satisfying the claimed structural limitations. *Ex Parte Masham*, 2 USPQ F.2d 1647 (1987). As for the at least one illumination source being prealigned in the lamp housing, McMurtry does not explicitly state this. However, there is a prearrangement of

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components within the housing (Fig. 1 : 24, 26, 28). Therefore, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made that the illumination source was prealigned in the lamp housing in order to provide an aligned beam to the lens and beam splitter of the lamp housing to facilitate alignment with the secondary housing (Fig. 1: 22).

As for **claim 2**, McMurtry discloses everything as above (see **claim 1**). In addition, he discloses a second illumination source provided in the lamp housing and on a front face of the housing, a first and second socket, at least three kinematic seats associated with the first and second illumination light sources (Fig. 1: 16; paragraph 0039).

As for **claim 5**, McMurtry discloses everything as above (see **claim 1**). In addition, he discloses the installation element comprises a block (Fig. 1: 10) in which a notch and stop are embodied (Fig. 1: 12, 14, and 16).

11. **Claim 4** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **McMurtry et al. (2002/0122178)** in view of **Doe (1,393,675)**.

As for **claim 4**, McMurtry discloses everything as above (see **claim 1**). In addition, he discloses at least one contact in the form of a socket, three kinematic seats comprising grooves (Fig. 1: 16; paragraph 0027). McMurtry discloses the claimed invention except that he discloses a screw (Fig. 1: 12 and 14) instead of a pin, Doe in a light housing shows that a screw is an equivalent structure known in the art (col. 1, lines 40-46). Therefore, because these two were art-recognized equivalents at the time the invention was made, one of ordinary skill in the art would have found it obvious to substitute the screw for a pin. As for ‘in order to create an electrical contact ... arrangement’ it has been held that a recitation with respect to the manner in which a claimed apparatus is intended to be employed does not differentiate the claimed apparatus from a

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prior art apparatus satisfying the claimed structural limitations. Ex Parte Masham, 2 USPQ F.2d 1647 (1987).

Allowable Subject Matter

12. **Claims 3, 6-9** are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

As to **claim 3**, the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious in an optical measurement arrangement the particular first and second hollow cylinders, in combination with the rest of the limitations of **claim 3**.

As to **claim 6**, the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious in an optical measurement arrangement the first and the second socket are pressable with a plate, in combination with the rest of the limitations of **claims 6-8**.

As to **claim 9**, the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious in an optical measurement arrangement the particular handle, in combination with the rest of the limitations of **claim 9**.

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- 2) Should be unsigned by the attorney or agent.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gordon J. Stock whose telephone number is (571) 272-2431.

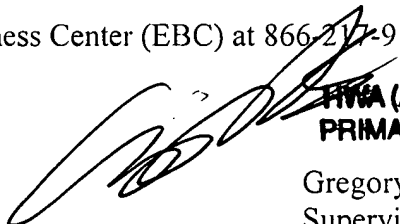
The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory J. Toatley, Jr., can be reached at 571-272-2800 ext 77.

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